



Open Space Committee

Date: Thurs, August 25, 2022

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Present: : Ann LeRoyer, David Morgan, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Shirley Canniff, David White, Wendy Richter, Emily Nink, Brian Kelder, Brian McBride, Eliza Hatch

Absent: Teresa DeBenedictis

Agenda

1. OSC Administration

- a. D. Morgan reminded committee members to submit their Acknowledgement of Receipt of Summary of the Conflict of Interest Laws for Municipal Employees
- b. A. LeRoyer reported that the Town Day booth was reserved. A. LeRoyer offered to draft a schedule of volunteers. D. Morgan offered to draft materials for the table.

2. Open Space and Recreation Plan 2022-2029 (OSRP) Update

- a. A. LeRoyer stated that the OSRP is delayed in part owing to the state requiring the Open Space Committee to find the Chapter 40 and 45 designations for all open space land. No committee members were familiar with those designations. S. Canniff said that the deeds for most properties were recorded long before the laws existed and so would not have been recorded with such details. S. Canniff offered to check with Joe Connelly in the Recreation Department. D. Morgan agreed to contact Nathaniel Stevens.
- b. D. Morgan said W. Richter, E. Carr-Jones, and B. McBride had finished the job of updating ADA records for the OSRP. The next step, D. Morgan said, was to inventory those properties that had not yet been assessed. S. Canniff said the 2014 Institute for Human Centered Design had reported most of the relevant details for that job and agreed to supply their report. The same volunteers offered to transcribe the new data to the ADA OSRP forms.
- c. A. LeRoyer shared that she had given dates to some OSRP actions listed as ongoing, per the state's feedback to be more specific.

3. CPA Project Updates

- a. D. White said that the Arlington Reservoir removal of water chestnuts by the harvester was completed. Volunteers are scheduled for August 28th to do removal by hand.
- b. D. Morgan reported that the landscaper at Wellington Park had failed to keep plantings alive this season. Plans were shifted to getting repairs of the climbing structure done this fall and bringing the contractor back in for the spring for new plantings, he said. D. Morgan shared that the bridge over Mill Brook would be replaced temporarily by a viewing area.
- c. Hurd Field renovations started this week, D. White said.
- d. D. Morgan said that posting the CPA bids for Mt. Gilboa and Cooke's Hollow would be held off until the new DPCD director's start date. S. Canniff said the designer for Robbins is still being selected.
- e. A. LeRoyer said that preliminary applications for CPA would be due October 7th. A. LeRoyer floated educational signage for Mill Brook as a potential application. D. Morgan presented his plan for a sustainable landscaping certification program and added that Planning would pursue several applications, including possibly an extension of the Public Land Management Plan. D. Morgan also reminded the committee of the need for water bottle filling stations and water fountains that had been discussed at previous meetings.

4. 40B Comprehensive Permit Applications

- a. No updates.

5. Other News/Discussion

- a. D. Morgan said that the Public Land Management Plan working group would convene in early September to review desired changes to Arlington's land management. That input would be added to the recommendations section of the plan.
- b. Picture Post
E. Carr-Jones suggested inventorying the Picture Post sites to install 8.5x11" signage and offered to work with D. White to create a proposal for funding the installation. S. Canniff thought that involving the schools would be make the project much more popular.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM.

2022 Meeting Dates (4th Thursday except Nov and Dec) September 22, October 27, November 10, December 8